

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Survey No. B-4926

### 1. Name

Historic 2000 – 2030 Boyd Street  
and / common

### 2. Location

street & number 2000 – 2030 Boyd Street  
city, town Baltimore  
state & zip code Maryland 21205 county

### 3. Classification

|   |   |   |  |   |
|---|---|---|--|---|
| <b>Category</b>                                 | <b>Ownership</b>                            | <b>Status</b>                                       | <b>Present Use</b>                     |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> district               | <input type="checkbox"/> public             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied        | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture   | <input type="checkbox"/> museum                       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied                 | <input type="checkbox"/> commercial    | <input type="checkbox"/> park                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure              | <input type="checkbox"/> both               | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress           | <input type="checkbox"/> educational   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site                   | <b>Public Acquisition</b>                   | <b>Accessible</b>                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> religious                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object                 | <input type="checkbox"/> in process         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted | <input type="checkbox"/> government    | <input type="checkbox"/> scientific                   |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> being considered   | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted          | <input type="checkbox"/> industrial    | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation               |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> not applicable     | <input type="checkbox"/> no                         | <input type="checkbox"/> military      | <input type="checkbox"/> other:                       |

### 4. Owner of Property

name  
street & number telephone  
city, town state & zip code

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore City Land Records liber  
street & number Clarence Mitchell Courthouse folio  
city, town Baltimore State Maryland

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title  
date federal state county local  
depository for survey records  
city, town state & zip code

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## 7. Description

| Condition                                |                                       | Check One                                   | Check One   |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent       | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> unaltered          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good            | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered | <input type="checkbox"/> moved:                   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed    |   | date of move: _____                               |

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

This row of sixteen two-bay-wide, two-story Renaissance Revival-style brick houses with shed roofs and sheet metal cornices were built. c. 1900 – 1905. They are typical of a form of small street house particularly built in southwest Baltimore that is only two-rooms-deep, with the kitchen located in the tall basement. Most of the houses retain their original brick facades, which were always painted; others have been covered with formstone.

The houses are two stories in height, 11' wide (the eight houses to the east), 12' wide (the eight houses to the west) and occupy lots 50' deep. The houses are constructed in running bond, which was originally painted. The sheet metal cornice consists of a crown molding set above a frieze area decorated with a row of dentils. End brackets, with arched caps that rise above the roofline, frame the cornice for every group of four houses. Chimneys are located at the rear corner of the house.

Door and window openings have decorative brick hoods influenced by Queen Anne-style designs seen on fashionable Baltimore rowhouses in the 1880s. They have segmental arches created by three rows of progressively recessed bricks—the upper row being header bricks, set horizontally; the lower two rows, header bricks, set vertically. The sills are brick. One set of original 2/2 sash survives, but the other windows are filled with 1/1 replacement sash, or are boarded over. No original doors survive and the row shows a mix of replacement door styles, all surmounted by a single light transom. The houses sit on extremely high basements, lit by a tall sash. The entrances are reached by six or seven metal or brick steps, set parallel to the facade. Most houses also have a front basement entrance set a few steps below street level.

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## 8. Significance

| Period                                   | Area of significance                             | check one & justify                                    |   |   |  |
|--|--|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric     | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> religion           |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499       | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic     | <input type="checkbox"/> conservation                  | <input type="checkbox"/> law                    | <input type="checkbox"/> science            |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599       | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> economics                     | <input type="checkbox"/> literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> sculpture          |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> education                     | <input type="checkbox"/> military               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> social/ |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799       | <input type="checkbox"/> art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering                   | <input type="checkbox"/> music                  | <input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian       |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899       | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration                   | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy             | <input type="checkbox"/> theatre            |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900 | <input type="checkbox"/> communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> industry                      | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government    | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation     |  |
|  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> invention                     |   | <input type="checkbox"/> other: specify     |  |

Specific dates c. 1900 - 1905

Builder/Architect

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

This group of houses significant as representing the level of architectural stylishness builders were willing to give to small street houses in the late nineteenth century and is testament to the fact that there was no stigma attached to small street living. The houses were built according to a pattern that was quite common to the city's working class neighborhoods of the period c. 1870 to 1910. Recognizing that workers held different levels of jobs (and pay), builders created a hierarchy of house sizes (and prices) in the new neighborhoods going up to serve the expanding factory districts ringing the harbor and northeast and southwest of the central city. Builders acquired anywhere from an eighth to a half of a city block and built 14' to 15'-wide three-bay-wide, two-story houses on the main streets, and smaller, 11' to 13'-wide two-bay-wide, two-story houses on the narrower streets bisecting the blocks. Typically, in this period, main street houses might sell for \$1,200 - \$1,500; small street houses for \$700 - \$900.

Occasionally, the builder retained ownership of his small street houses to provide income for himself as rental properties. In this way people of varying means could afford to live in the same block. If they couldn't afford the approximately \$750 purchase price of the small street houses, then they *could* afford the \$8 or so a month it would cost to rent one, while they saved to be able to buy their own home later.

The houses are especially significant because of their proximity to the slaughterhouses of southwest Baltimore and their related industries, particularly the William Wilkens & Co. Curled Hair Manufactory, one of the largest employers in the area. A number of German-American owned breweries were also located in this section of the city. Moderately-priced housing was built to provide homes for the mainly German immigrants who came to southwest Baltimore to work in these rapidly expanding industries in the decades after the Civil War.

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## 9. Major Bibliographic References

Mary Ellen Hayward and Charles Belfoure, *The Baltimore Rowhouse*  
(New York: Princeton Architectural Press, 1999)

## 10. Geographic Data

Acreage of nominated property

Quadrangle name

Verbal boundary description and justification

## 11. Form Prepared by

name / title Dr. Mary Ellen Hayward

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date

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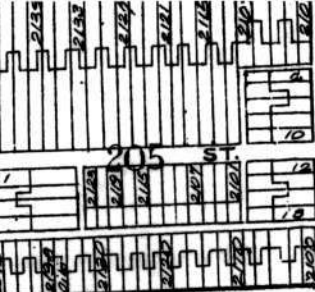
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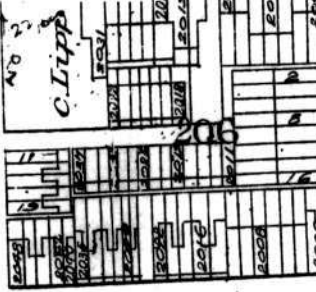
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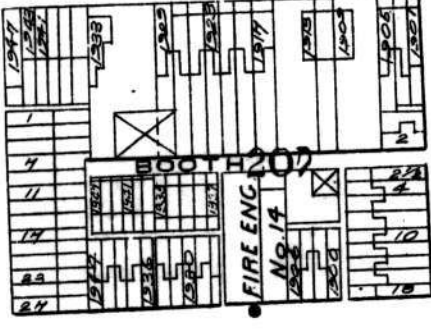


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2000-2030 Boyd Street  
Block 0223, Lots 50-65  
Baltimore City  
Baltimore West Quad.





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2000-2030

Boyd St.

BALTO, MD

W. Nield

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MD SHPD

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